

Amendment to the Specification

On page 1, please replace the paragraph under the heading "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION," with the following amended paragraph:

This application ~~incorporates by reference,~~ is a continuation of and claims priority to U.S.S.N. 10/099,859, filed March 15, 2002, which ~~and~~ claims priority to and the benefit of, German patent application serial number 10112821.5, titled "Shoe Sole," ~~which was~~ filed on March 16, 2001, the entire disclosure of each application being hereby incorporated herein by reference.